MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, when the investigation is complete Government have no objection to place the report before the Council.

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : May I know the extent of investigation that has so far been made ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have no information.

Scarcity of water in Karunagapalli Taluk.

12 . **MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what they have done in regard to the repeated representations made by the people in respect of the scarcity of pure water in the coastal portions of the Karunagapalli taluk ?

(*b*) Are not the Government aware that the inhabitants of those parts are put to great hardship on account of the want of good water and that they often succumb to death consequent on the diseases caused by the same ?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state what action they propose to take for redressing these grievances ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) An estimate for Rs. 4,275 has been sanctioned for sinking three wells in the coastal village of Trikunnapuzha in the Kartikapalli taluk and after these are sunk and their effect is ascertained, the question of providing wells for Karunagapalli will be taken up.

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : When was the estimate sanctioned for the sinking of the three wells ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : 8th May 1928.

Report of the Excise Committee.

13. **MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Excise Committee submitted its report to the Government ; and

(*b*) whether they have passed any orders thereon ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) On the 3rd November 1924.

(*b*) Formal orders have not been passed on the report as a whole ; but many of the recommendations have been given effect to by the Government.

President, Village Panchayat Court, Quilon.

14. **MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how long the posts of the President and Judge of the Quilon Panchayat Court have been lying vacant ; and

(*b*) in how many cases delay was occasioned in the filling up of vacancies in the Judicial Department during the last three years (1101-1103) ?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The place of the President of the Village Panchayat Court, Quilon, is not vacant.

(*b*) The question is vague.

Enquiry against Mr. K. Velu Pillai, Munsiff.

15. **MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the report on the enquiry conducted by Mr. Justice Joseph Thaliath against Mr. K. Velu Pillai, B. A., B. L., Principal Munsiff, Trivandrum ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : As the report is confidential, the Government do not propose to place the same on the table.

Sanitation in Kuttanad.

16. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to observe that the peculiar conditions of Kuttanad necessitate :

(*a*) the creation of public cremation grounds for all castes and creeds ;

(*b*) the removal of latrines from the main canal used for public traffic ; and

(*c*) the appointment of a Special Health Officer for the better sanitation of a comparatively big and waterlogged area ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) This question will be enquired into.

(*b*) The Government are not aware of the existence of any latrines along main canals.

(*c*) This suggestion of the member will be considered by the Government.

Cure for Leprosy.

17. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Director of Ayurveda has suggested any method by which leprosy can be efficiently treated on a large scale in Ayurvedic Hospitals ;

(*b*) whether the Ayurveda Department has opened any hospital for the special treatment of lepers ; and

(*c*) whether the subject of leprosy is being taught as a special subject in the Ayurveda College ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The answers are in the negative.

Punalur Paper Mills.

18. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have purchased any kind of paper from the Punalur Paper Mills within the last three years (1101—1103) ; and

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